

FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Captain Isaac Paine School  
160 Foster Center Road  
Foster, RI 02825

Thursday, August 1, 2013  
Open Session – 8:30pm

1. **Convene Meeting** – Chair, Kathleen Swanson, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order at 8:30pm.
  - a. *Roll Call* – present at the time of roll call were Chair, Kathleen Swanson, member, Ron Cervasio, Vice-Chair, Shelley Pezza arrived shortly after role call, and FSC Secretary, Helena McCullough.
  - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no Public Comment.
3. On a motion by Mr. Cervasio and seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the **FSC voted to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (1) Personnel, Job Performance / Character of an Individual.** Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Mrs. Swanson reported that Personnel, Job Performance / Character of an Individual was discussed and no votes were taken.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to “Seal” the minutes of Executive Session. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
4. **Old Business (for discussion/action)**
  - a. *Budget 2013-2014* – no discussion.
5. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
  - a. *Acceptance of Superintendent / Principal Resignation* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC accepted the resignation of Dr. Davida Irving as Superintendent / Principal of the Capt. Isaac Paine Elementary School and the Foster School Department with a written thirty (30) day notice as of July 29, 2013. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

- b. *Advertisement of Superintendent / Principal Position(s)* – on a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Ms. Pezza, the FSC voted to advertise for two weeks for a part-time Superintendent and a full-time Principal.  
On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved for the Chair, Mrs. Swanson, and Dr. Irving to seek through RIDE, names of retirees for consideration. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
- c. *Interview Committee Appointments* – the FSC discussed options for an interviewing committee. Options discussed were one FSC member, parent, one or two teachers, and F/G Superintendent, Dr. Michael Barnes, to be on the interviewing committee. Mr. Cervasio felt there should be no FSC member. No votes were taken.
- d. *Interim Superintendent / Interim Principal Appointments* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved Dr. Davida Irving's recommendation of Dr. Lorraine Bowen as Interim-Principal. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

**6. Communication/Reports**

- a. *Correspondence* – there was none.
- b. *Superintendent's Report* – no report.
- c. *Future Agenda Items* –  
Office Air conditioner  
Facilities – power wash the front of the building and a report on landscaping near new Kindergarten fencing.  
Appointment of Interim-Superintendent  
FSC Meeting scheduled for August 20, 2013

7. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC adjourned at 8:57 pm. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough  
Secretary Foster School Committee